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In re Application of:)
Pere RELATS et al.)
Application No.: 10/085,066) Group Art Unit: 3765
Filed: March 1, 2002) Examiner: L. Worrell
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR)
PROVIDING A PROTECTING)
TUBE (as amended))
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

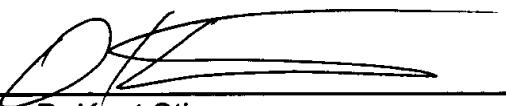
Applicants hereby petition for a third-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 24, 2003. Please charge the fee of \$540.00 (\$950 less \$410 paid with filing dated September 24, 2003) to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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